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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GORDON & GOSCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 180 & 182, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSEN, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WILD, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOSCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BLAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HEINZELN & Co., Manila.

CHINA.—SWATOW, CAMERON & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Foochow, HENDER & Co., Shanghai. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KIM & WALKER, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 650,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOFFER, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq. E. E. BELLIER, Esq. A. McIVER, Esq. W. H. FORBES, Esq. WILHELM REINER, Esq. Hon. W. KESWICK, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGERS.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, EWEEN CAMERON, Esq. London, HARRIS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED. ON Current Deposits Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 " " " " 12 " 5 " " " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Deposits, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East. Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

Auctions.

FURNITURE SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed by Lieut.-Col. SHEPINGTON, A.C.G., to sell by Public Auction, at his Residence "Orangialachie,"

MONDAY,

the 18th February, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m.

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising: Drawing-room: Chairs, Conches, Mirrors, Side Tables, Pictures, Whatnots, Lamps, &c. Dining Table and Chairs, Sideboards, Crockery, Glass-ware and Electro-plated Ware, &c. Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Toilet Glasses, Dressing Tables, Washstands, &c., &c.

Also, A Semi-grand PIANO, by COLLARD and COLMARD.

A collection of Choice Plants in Pots. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Sedan Chairs, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued. Terms of SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, February 8, 1878. fe18

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

On a Date hereafter to be named,

The British Bark

"ALPHINGTON"

of 326 Tons Register, or of about 8,000 pounds Carrying Capacity, with all her TACKLES, APPAREL and INVENTORY.

The Vessel was Built under Lloyd's special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in 1868, Classed 12 years A. 1. at Lloyd's and continued in 1868 A. 1. for 6 years.

She was Remotally over Felt in London in July, 1875.

Terms.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon Transfer being made.

The Vessel is at Purchaser's risk on the fall of hammer.

For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR STOVES.

TENDERS and FIRE IRONS.

Superior California LAMBSWOOL BLANKETS.

FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb. to 2,600 lb.

BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CARPETS, various patterns.

VELVET and TAPESTRY SOFA CARPETS and RUGS.

DOOR MATS.

HORSE BLANKETS.

Central and Pin-fire CARTRIDGE CASES.

Gun-WADS, PERCUSSION CAPS.

STATIONERY, of every description.

BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.

NOVELS. SCHOOL BOOKS.

SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

French APPLES, and LEMONS.

SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.

MACARONI, TONGUES & SOUNDS.

Family PIG FOK, and Prime Mess BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each.

CAVIARE, SARDELLES, and Spiced ANCHOVIES.

Prime American BACON and HAMS.

Cutting's JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.

GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL, RYE MEAL, &c., &c.

Canned Dessert FRUITS.

Compressed CORNED BEEF, and BEEF TONGUES.

PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to suit Purchasers.

CROSS & BLACKWELL'S OILMAN'S STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies received by every Steamer.

CLARET in Case, (BANDON), Superior Quality.

BARLEY PORTER, in Hogsheads and Kiln-dried.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J. BURKE, in Pints and Quarts.

Base PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON and SAUNDERS, in Pints and Quarts.

&c., &c., &c.

Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

COAL.

BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM COAL for Sale, ex Godown.

Apply to

BATTLES & Co.

Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co., WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS,

AND JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.

46, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, August 20, 1877. fe20

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the Fourteenth day of February next, at Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1877.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1878. fe14

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTERS of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from the Fourth to the Fourteenth February next, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,

THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1878. fe14

NOTICE.

IF the Small Cutter "GEM," left in charge of the Steward of the Victoria Recreation Club in April or May, 1874, is not taken away by the Owner in one week from this date, it will be sold to defray expenses, &c.

Hongkong, February 8, 1878. fe18

A CARD.

DR. W. O. EASTACK, Dentist, can be Consulted at his Rooms, No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, daily from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Hongkong, February 8, 1878. m25

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he has RETURNED, and is now ready to receive Patients.

Hongkong, November 23, 1877.

Intimations.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

GENERAL STOREKEEPERS. WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

NEWS AGENTS.

AUCTIONEERS.

Agents for

THE LONDON AND CHINA EXPRESS.

THE OVERLAND MAIL.

THE HOME NEWS.

General Commission Agents.

Commissions and Orders from the Coast and Out-ports attended to with care and promptness.

Hongkong, February 9, 1878.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 59, Queen's Road, Victoria, at Half-past 3 o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the 15th February next, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1877.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878. fe15

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3% or \$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held This Day, will be Payable at the Hongkong & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after MONDAY, the 28th Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at the Office of the Company for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

P. A. DA COSTA, Secretary.

Hongkong, January 25, 1878. fe15

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on MONDAY, the 18th February next, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the Year 1877, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co., LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 18th February next, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co., LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1878, is posted at the Supreme Court House for inspection.

Notice of any Inconveniences, Omissions, Objections, &c., must be given to the Registrar of the Supreme Court on or before FRIDAY, the 16th day of February, A.D. 1878, in accordance with the provisions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11 of 1864.

It is further notified, that no person whose name is on the List as a Juror will be excused from Service on the ground of any exemption to which he may be entitled, or on the ground of any want of qualification, unless such exemption shall have been claimed and established, or such want of qualification shall have been duly proved, at or before the time above specified.

C. B. PLUNKET, Registrar.

Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, the 18th February, 1878, at 2 p.m., (instead of as previously advertised), for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1877, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fe17

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHAREHOLDERS are requested to send in an Account of Business Contributed during the half year ended 31st December, 1877, on or before the 28th Instant, on which date the Accounts will be Closed.

By Order of the Directors,

D. GILLIES, Secretary.

Hongkong, February 11, 1878. fe23

NOTICE.

WHEREAS pursuant to the Provisions of Ordinance No. 14 of 1862, the following Petition to His Excellency the Governor in Council for Letters Patent for the Exclusive Right to use within this Colony and its Dependencies, the Invention hereinafter mentioned, has, together with the Specifications and Declarations required by the said Ordinance, been filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary, that is to say:

"The Petition of the Honourable WILLIAM KESWICK, as Assignee of ABRAHAM LYLE, for improved apparatus or machinery for shaping Lump Sugar in a simple, rapid and economical manner."

Notice is hereby given, that His Excellency the Governor has appointed MONDAY, the 18th day of February, 1878, at noon, for a Sitting of the Executive Council at the Office of the Government, for the purpose of entertaining the said Petition, and that at such Sitting of the Council, Application will be made for such Letters Patent as aforesaid.

Dated at Victoria, Hongkong, this 9th day of February, 1878.

WM. H. BRERETON, Solicitor for the Petitioner, 20, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Steamship

"YESO,"

Capt. B. ARNOT, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 13th Instant, at Daylight, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LARRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 11, 1878. fe18

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND OALOUTTA.

The Steamship

"ARGYLE,"

D. SCOTT, Commander, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, February 7, 1878. fe14

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND OALOUTTA.

The Steamship

"ARRATON APCAR,"

Captain MacTAVISH, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant, at 8 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1878. fe14

FOR MANILA.

The British Steamship

"EMERALDA,"

Captain CULLEN, Master, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 16th Instant, at 4 o'clock p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1878. fe16

FOR PORT DARWIN, COCKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian Steam Co.'s Steamer

"NORMANBY,"

will be despatched as above on or about the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 8, 1878.

Shipping.

Steamers.

MONTHLY SERVICE.

TO PORT DARWIN, COCKTOWN, TO SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Australia, New Zealand, and New Caledonia.

The Australian Steam Navigation Company's Steamer

"BERTHA,"

will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 13th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fe13

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The German Steamship

"GALATHEA,"

will be despatched as above towards the end of February, 1878.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

WM. POSTAL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 28, 1878. fe12

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Steamship

"BUTUAN,"

will have immediate despatch for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

J. E. V. SHAW, Agent.

Hongkong, February 4, 1878. fe11

Sailing Vessels.

FOR VICTORIA (V. L.)

The A. 1. American 3-m. Schooner

"MIGNON,"

Capt. SOUZA, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to

ROZARIO & Co.

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Intimations.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE 1865.

CAPITAL \$800,000, IN 6,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH (FULLY PAID UP).

Consulting Committee.
W. H. FORBES, Esq., W. REYNOLDS, Esq.,
F. D. SASSOON, Esq., LAY YUK SUN (of the
E. R. BELLING, Esq., YOW-LOONG HONG).Manager,
H. DICKIE, Esq.General Agents,
Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.Bankers,
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.Solicitor,
Wm. H. BEEBETON, Esq.

THIS Company has been formed for the purpose of acquiring from the present Proprietors the PROPERTY, INTEREST, and GOODWILL of the CHINA SUGAR REFINERY at East Point, which for the past five years has been managed under the direction of Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON and COMPANY, comprising the LAND and BUILDINGS occupied by the Refinery, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, and STOCK-IN-TRADE therein, and of carrying on the Business of a Sugar Refinery in all its branches, for which complete facilities are now afforded not only in the Ground and Premises, Plant and Machinery referred to, but in the valuable Business and Connection possessed by the present Owners.

The above-mentioned Premises comprise, firstly, that Piece of PARCEL of GROUND, in Hongkong, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 251, with the Messuages and BUILDINGS thereon, known as the Mint Premises; and, secondly, that Piece of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Marine Lot No. 470, 471, 515, 524, 525, and 748, with the Messuages and BUILDINGS thereon, adjoining the said Marine Lot, portions of the premises occupied by the China Sugar Refinery or belonging thereto, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, ENGINES, BOILERS, VACUUM PANS, FURNITURE, FITTINGS, and APPURTENANCES therein, now used by the China Sugar Refinery; secondly, that Piece of PARCEL of GROUND in Hongkong aforesaid, with the Messuages and BUILDINGS thereon, registered in the Land Office as Section A of Marine Lot No. 55, with the Messuages and BUILDINGS thereon, being the remainder of the Premises comprising the said Refinery and, thirdly, the STOCK-IN-TRADE, PLANT, MACHINERY, and STOCK, and CHARTERS, which are or will be in and about the said Premises and belonging to the Owners on the 28th day of February next. All the described Premises have been agreed to be sold to the Company by contract in writing dated the 29th day of January, 1878, made between the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION of the first part, Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., of the second part, and the above-named COMMITTEE for and on behalf of the Company of the third part; whereby it was agreed that without any further sanction or confirmation of or by the Company or the Shareholders, the Premises aforesaid and secondly mentioned should be absolutely made over to the Company for the aggregate sum of \$425,000, made up as follows:

For the Premises, firstly mentioned, the sum of \$300,000 to be paid to the first-mentioned party; for the Premises secondly mentioned, the sum of \$125,000 to be paid to the second-mentioned party. And as to the thirdly named Premises, the price payable for the same to the first-named party, to be ascertained by a valuation to be made on the 28th day of February inst., the value thereof being now roughly estimated at \$100,000.

Mr DICKIE, under whose able management the Works have been placed in their present efficient state, has offered his services to the Company as Manager, which have been accepted. Although it has been in contemplation for some years past to transfer the Property and Business of the present Proprietors to a Public Company, it was not thought prudent to do so until by such an experience of the working of the Concern, as has been gained during the last three years, its future success should be ascertained.

The present Proprietors are prepared to hand over the Property and Business to the Company in a state of complete efficiency on the First of March next, and arrangements are being made to commence full work on that date.

The Business of the Company will be conducted by Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., as General Agents, assisted by a Consulting Committee.

It is intended that the whole of the Capital shall be called up as follows:—
\$25 per Share on allotment, or within 10 days thereafter.
\$75 per Share on 1st day of March, 1878, or within 10 days thereafter.
All Calls unpaid after these dates shall bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum.

The surplus Capital after payment of the Purchase Money of the Property as above-mentioned, estimated at about \$75,000, will be available for working the Business of the Company.

One half of the Shares have already been subscribed; the remainder are offered to the public. Applications for Shares, which should be in the annexed Form, will be received by the General Agents, up to the 20th day of February, 1878.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1878

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES ABOVE REFERRED TO.

Hongkong, day of 1878,
CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

To Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co. GENTLEMEN,—

I hereby request that you will allot to me Shares in the above Company; and agree to accept such Shares of any less number you may allot to me.

I agree to pay the first Call of Dollars Twenty-five per Share, within ten days after allotment, and also the subsequent Call of \$75, and to subscribe the Articles of Association whenever required to do so.

Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

Blank Forms of Application for Shares may be had at the Office of the General Agents.

Intimations.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.
Hongkong, July 18, 1876.

AH YON, SHIP'S COMPEADORE AND STEVEDORE,

No. 57, Praya Wan.

SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S STORES

Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.
Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER,

by appointment, to
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,
GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG;and to
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of assorted sizes. Ex. S. S. Type, Revolving Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather, Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and Frames, also Albums for Cabinet Portraits only. Portraits of the Generals of the present Russo-Turkish War, Eminent British Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors, in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes. Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.
Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

K WONG HING CHEUNG & Co., COAL MERCHANTS,

Have always on hand for Sale every description of COAL at Moderate Prices. Mr. ANSON has been appointed Manager, and all Orders addressed to him at 57, Praya, or to Mr. FAR JACE, at 50, Hing Lung Street, will receive immediate attention.
Hongkong, March 19, 1877.

ESTATE OF DODD & Co.

AT THE MEETING held on the 12th Instant at Messrs Dodd & Co.'s Offices, the following RESOLUTIONS were carried:

1. That the affairs of the said Dodd & Co. shall be Liquidated by arrangement, and not in Bankruptcy.
2. That Francis Chomley be, and he is hereby appointed Trustee.
3. That H. ABENDROTH and EDWARD PRY be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the order of the Underigned.

F. CHOMLEY,
Trustee for the Estate of
Dodd & Co.
Amoy, January 14, 1878.

DODD & Co.'s ESTATE.

A FIRST DIVIDEND OF TWENTY Per Cent. will be paid at Amoy on the 20th Instant, at the Office of the Agents of the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

DEBTS not Proved before the 15th Instant will be excluded from the Dividend.

FRANCIS CHOMLEY, Trustee.

Amoy, 5th Feb., 1878.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of FIVE TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of record on the 1st October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Underigned to Shareholders or their lawful representatives on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th Instant, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co., Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

Notice to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

GERMAN BARQUE FELIX MENDELSSOHN, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MELOHRS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 9, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN SHIP COMET, FROM SAN FRANCISCO.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 6, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. A P A.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godown, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-morrow, the 7th Instant, at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by the Underigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Wednesday, the 13th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, February 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Ship *Titan*, from NAGASAKI, are hereby requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 7, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship "YANGTZE."

E. SCHULZ, Master, will be despatched for the above Port To-morrow, the 13th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, February 12, 1878.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "TAIWAN."

Captain M. YOUNG, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 15th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS L. CRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, February 12, 1878.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

F. & O. S. N. Co.'s S. S. LOMBARDY.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel, from Bombay and Intermediate Ports, and in connection with the Steamers *HYDRA* from London, and *HINDOSTAN* from Calcutta, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Company's Godown, at West Point, whence delivery can be obtained from this date.

Goods not delivered by the 19th Instant will be subject to rent.

ADAM LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, February 12, 1878.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 15th February, 1878, at Noon,—

Morton's Pickles, Sauces, Salad Oil, Mustard, Vinegar, Table Salt, Raisins, Cheese, &c., &c.

Table Knives, Pen Knives, Penholders, Pens, Paper Binders, Letter Clips, Sealing Wax, Blotting Paper, &c., &c.

18 bolts Merchant Navy Canvas, No. 1 to 4.

50 dozen Cut Glass Tumblers.

(Of the finest Paris Manufacture, new and very handsome.)

8 Gilt Curtain Poles and Cornices.

10 Mahogany do do.

30 Paris Muslin Window Curtains.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.1. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

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Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

QUICKSTEP, American barque, Captain Barnaby.—Captain.

TARTAN, German brig, Captain Kasmeha.—Melchers & Co.

ABERNETHY, British barque, Captain Gougeon.—Order.

MARIA, German barque, Captain Hundewaldt.—Wiel & Co.

ARVIL, British steamer, Captain D. Scott.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

D. Bohsen, Hamburg Sept. 27, General.—WIELER & Co.

Feb. 12, *Mark Away*, British barque, 778, Sam. Peter, London Sept. 26, General.—RUSSELL & Co.

Feb. 12, *Norma*, British steamer, 606, Walker, Swatow Feb. 11, General.—Kwong Ashore.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 12, *St. Idée*, for Tournon.
12, *Malagacar*, for Haiphong.
12, *Holyrod*, for Haiphong.
12, *H.M.S. Tamar*, for Singapore.
12, *Ajan*, for Amoy and Shanghai.

CLEARED.

Abernethy, for Manila.
Glenfruin, for Honolulu.
Charter Oak, for Honolulu.
Yangtze, for Shanghai.
May Queen, for Falmouth.
Hereward, for Penang.
C. H. Waparra, for Saigon.
Yaso, for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Lombardy*, for Hongkong: from Southampton, Dep. Paym. Musket, Messrs J. Collins, S. T. Loveday, and McGregor Smith; from Bombay, Mr. M. Wingrove; from Penang, Sergeant Stewart, and 2 Chinese; from Singapore, Messrs A. J. Wihman and Euro. servant, Ford, Plate, Mrs. Da Costa and child, Mr. A. D. Uloth, 1 Soldier, and 4 Chinese. For Yokohama: from Southampton, Mrs. Hill.
Per *Yaso*, from Manila, 2 Europeans, and 7 Chinese.

Per *Norma*, from Swatow, 100 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per *Ajan*, for Shanghai, Mr. and Mrs. Colago, and Mrs. Balun.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Malabar* reports a strong monsoon and foggy weather throughout the passage.

The British ship *Thomas Bell* reports: A continual run of bright fine weather throughout the passage, up to Gilolo Straits, then experienced strong N.E. winds and fog occasionally.

The German barque *G. F. Munda* reports: Fine weather, series of calms in the Eastern passage.

British barque *Mark Away* reports: Bad light variable winds to the Equator which we crossed on the 1st November. Rounded Cape of Good Hope on the 3rd December, passed Sandwail Island on the 10th January, and Gilolo Passage on the 28th.

The British steamer *Norma* reports: Strong N.E. winds and thick atmosphere.

CARGO.

Per S. S. *Oceanic*, sailed 1st February, 1878:—For Yokohama, 2,422 bags Sugar, and 360 pkgs. Merchandise. For Nagasaki, 4 cases Spirits. For San Francisco, 1,200 bales Hemp, 42 boxes Prepared Opium, 1 case Silk, 23,092 bags Rice, 180 bags Tea, 70 bags Beans, 477 bags Coffee, 8 chests Grade Opium, 50 pkgs. Tea, and 1,181 pkgs. Merchandise. For Boston, 15 cases Chinaware. For New York, 2 cases Silk, 29 bales Raw Silk, and 8 pkgs. Merchandise.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SAIGON.—Per *Marcia*, at 4.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 13th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—Per *Yangtze*, at 8.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 13th inst.

Per *Lombardy*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 13th inst. Late letters received from 5.10 to 5.30, with 18 cents late fee.

For YOKOHAMA.—Per *Sunda*, at 5.30 p.m. To-morrow, the 13th inst.

For HOIHOW AND HAIPHONG, with Mails for Pakhoi and Hanoi.—Per *Dale*, at 8.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 14th inst.

For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS AND OALOUTTA.—Per *Argyll* and *Arratoon*, at 2.30 p.m., on Thursday, the 14th inst.

For MANILA.—Per *Emeralda*, at 8.30 p.m., on Saturday, the 16th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.—Per *Bertha*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Private ship rates. Correspondence for New Zealand, Tasmania, and Adelaide can be sent.

For SAIGON.—Per *Flinshire*, is postponed till further notice.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet *Mongolia* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 14th inst.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Wednesday, 13th Instant.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 14th Instant.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters closes.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with Late Fee of 18 cents extra.

11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only, addressed to the United Kingdom, via Brindisi, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till

11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.

Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet *Yangtze* will be despatched from Hongkong on THURSDAY, the 14th Instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Manila, to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Beychelles, Réunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Hongkong, February 7, 1878.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—*Yaso* leaves for Coast Ports. Goods per *Ajan* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.
4 p.m.—*Yangtze* leaves for Shanghai.

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, February 14:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
3 p.m.—*Argyll* and *Arratoon* leave for Singapore, &c.
8 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, February 15:—
Daylight.—Taiwan leaves for Coast Ports. Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 39, Queen's Road.

Claims against the Estate of Dodd & Co. must be proved on or before this date.

SATURDAY, February 16:—
4 p.m.—*Emeralda* leaves for Manila.

MONDAY, February 18:—
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, &c., at Lieut-Col. Shervinton's residence, "Orangiaobie."

2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited, at Club Chambers.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited, at No. 7, Queen's Road.

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.

TUESDAY, February 19:—
Goods per *Lombardy* undelivered after this date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, February 20:—
Normanby leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

THURSDAY, February 21:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

FRIDAY, February 22:—
Flower Show at the Public Gardens.

SATURDAY, February 23:—
Flower Show at the Public Gardens. Noon.—*Bertha* leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

SUNDAY, March 1:—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco on or about this date.

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MAN

The British barque *Mark Asquith*, Captain, of Workington, from Bangkok for Hongkong, 89 days; Eastern passage; and 24th, British barque *River Lagan*, from Cardiff for Hongkong, 125 days, Eastern passage.

The *Journal des Colonies*, a Lisbon paper, of 18th December last, says: "News from Quilimane (Mozambique) has been received up to 30th October and reports that the poppy crop has been very abundant. Mr. Paiva Raposo, the manager of the Opium Cultivating Co., will shortly return to Lisbon."

We understand that the Fanny Bazaar in aid of the Shenai Famine Fund, which was to have been held, in the house of Mrs. Edmund Sharp, to-morrow, the 13th inst., has been postponed. The bazaar will doubtless be held in due time, as we learn that many of the lady residents are hard at work on the manufacture of articles both useful and ornamental for the decoration of eager purchasers and on behalf of the aforesaid Fund.

The German barque *G. F. Muntz* reports: vessels spoken—June 2nd, American ship *North Star*, bound to Hongkong, 141 days out, off Sandalwood Island; *Andreas*, from Symant, bound to Hongkong, 122 days; *Brit*, Sandalwood Island; *River Lagan*, from Cardiff bound to Hongkong, 113 days out, off Sandalwood Island; Jan. 18th, British barque *How Glen*, from Cardiff for Hongkong, 140 days out, in Ombay Passage.

The performance of "Still Waters Run Deep" was repeated at the City Hall last night in aid of the funds of that institution. There was not of course nearly as large an audience as on the previous occasion, but those who were present were enthusiastic in their applause, especially of the representations by the ladies. By kind permission of Colonel Jago and the officers of the 74th Highlanders, their regimental band was again in attendance and discoursed the following selections:—"Overture," "Il Conte d'Essex," (Mercedante) Selection, "Il Trovatore," (Verdi) Selection, "Faust," (Gounod). The performance was gone through without a hitch.

This entertainment at the Temperance Hall last evening was well attended despite the fact of there being other performances at the same time in the Colony. The programme was of the usual character, but we noticed several new faces amongst those who took part in the proceedings. Messrs. Sayce, Clipperton and Pressie sang several songs, and won well-merited applause. Sergt. Jones gave a humorous reading from "Mark Twain's works; then there were a sailor's hornpipe, a solo on the mouth organ, a part song and a trio for three, violin, the sum and substance of it all being a very pleasant evening's entertainment. Two recitations were splendidly given by Mr. Fraser-Smith. The meeting separated at the usual time. Mr. D. R. Crawford was in the chair.

H.M.S. *Tamar* left here this morning for England via Singapore and Suez. As she steamed through the harbor, she was cheered by the crews of the various ships of war, including that of the flagship of our American Cousins. The bands of the British and American flagships played appropriate airs. She has on board besides the balance of H.M.S. 28th Regiment, and Military invalids and time-expired men, the following officers and men late of H.M.S. *Vigilant*, *Egeria*, *Fly*, and *Lepington*:—Captain E. J. Church. Commanders: Sir W. Wiseman, Bart., J. Bruce. Lieut.-Commander U. C. D. Ryder. Lieutenant, Hon. H. N. Shore. A. L. Murray, W. C. Forsyth, R. E. Paul, F. A. A. G. Tate, and A. J. Looze. Navigating Lieutenants: J. W. Barnard, G. W. Balloch, H. F. Young, and W. H. Stephens. Chief Engineers: C. P. Turner, H. Jones, and E. Widdicombe. Engineers: E. Sutherland, G. Triggs, G. A. Heaton, A. Stewart, T. Scott, and W. Bremner. Assistant Engineers: J. J. K. Medlen, T. Agnew, and W. J. Fickes. Surgeons: R. A. Mowll, M.D., E. J. Lloyd, and J. W. Davis. Paymaster: W. B. Ramsey. Assistant Paymasters: J. W. Chester, H. C. Barnard, and G. V. Basleigh. Gunners: B. Mills, and James Henwood. Boatswain: G. Vooper, and Captain G. A. Nuteher, besides 240 seamen, 87 marines, 59 invalids, and 16 time-expired men. We trust the exigencies of the service will not impede their safe arrival home.

The following telegram is published in the *Adelaide Chronicle* of the 29th December, and it is of some importance as showing that the feeling against wholesale Chinese Immigration is extending from Queensland to the Northern Territory, where hitherto the cry has been all in favor of Chinese labor. However, unwise and unjust our leaders may consider this hostile feeling prevalent among the Australian Colonists, it would be folly to ignore its existence, and it would be well that it should be noted here and in China by all concerned in the reduction of Chinese coolies to the Northern Territory.

Port Darwin, 24th December.—A large and an important meeting was held on Friday, the 21st December, at which time

resolutions were passed condemning the introduction of Chinese into the Territory. The resolutions being a free port, it is considered that the introduction, and we are informed that it is likely they will arrive here by thousands, but they are not wanted."

(L. & O. Express, Jan. 4th.) Latest Mail Advice:—Yokohama Nov. 20, Shanghai 25, Fochow 25, Hongkong 29. The P. & O. mail, from Yokohama 13th, Shanghai 16th, Hongkong 22nd, Singapore 26th Nov., was received via Brindisi, on the 29th ult., and the French mail, via Marseilles, with a week's later date—as tabulated above—came in on the 4th inst. (this day). No later Japan dispatch via San Francisco has reached London. The next inward (P. & O.) mail, which will bring dates, Yokohama, 27th, Shanghai 30th Nov., Hongkong 6th, Singapore 13th Dec., is due, via Brindisi, on the 14th inst.

The *Gazette* announces the promotion, to date from the 10th ult., of Mr. Edward Robinson, Senior Assistant Paymaster, to the rank of Paymaster in the Fleet, for which rank he passed in 1863. Mr. Robinson is at present serving as Secretary to Commodore Watson at Hong Kong.

Mr. J. P. Knight, who will proceed by the next French mail to China, has, we understand, concluded arrangements in connection with Dr. S. Wells Williams, for the establishment of a Chinese Chair at the University at Yale, U.S.

We understand that the Chinese Legation in Paris, which has been alluded to in several quarters, is likely to be established very shortly, owing to the interest which the Government at Peking has taken in the forthcoming Exhibition. The First Minister will, it is stated, be the son of Tsung Kuo-Fan. A correspondent of the *Times* states that he inherits his father's honour, and has in his own right a certain rank; but adds, it is doubtful whether he has been employed except on almost nominal service; but he is credited with a serious attention to foreign questions, and he is indeed the Minister-Designate, the Chinese Government could hardly have made a more auspicious selection. The "additions" which are spoken of as having been made to the staff of the Berlin Legation are not such, properly speaking, but are really the actual staff which has now arrived from China, the posts having been temporarily filled by a certain number who were detached from the Chinese Legation here. We hear that Mr. John MacKenzie, lately in the Turkish Arsenal, has been engaged as Superintendent of the arsenal at Shanghai.

A telegram has been received, from which it would appear that the Chinese troops in Kashgar are at last making good headway. It is to the effect that they had fortified Tusheteng and Akso, two strong strategic points, and that the remnants were flying in terror into Russian territory. It would thus seem that there is some chance still of Kashgar, which had long been Chinese territory, being recovered, though it has been in a state of rebellion since the days of the Taiping outbreak, when the opportunity was taken to make an attempt to throw off the Chinese yoke. For the last eight or ten years China has spent immense sums of money in the endeavour to regain her Possession, but these efforts have hitherto been no means successful. At present, however, she seems at last to be making good headway. A satisfactory feature in our last number in regard to the articles which have been sent to the Paris Exhibition. Unlike China, Japan seems to have lost none of her ancient cunning, and her lacquer-ware of the present day will compare with that of olden times. In China lacquer-ware is now one of the lost arts, and nothing of modern date comes near the vases, &c. of former days.

A somewhat characteristic case has come before the Portsmouth Police-court, in which a Chinaman named Tam-Afat has been charged with forging a cheque for £50, using the name of Lord George Boreas, who, our readers will recollect, was in the China with the Duke of Edinburgh in the *Galatea*, and who is now on board the *Thetis*. The money was obtained by Tam-Afat from the messman on board that vessel. It is said that several similar charges are out against him.

The Japanese ironclad frigate *Foo-soo* was taken out of Sheerness harbour for a preliminary trial on the 1st inst., prior to an official trial, which the Japanese Minister is to attend on a later day. The *Foo-soo* is fitted with twin screws driven by a pair of Penn's trunk engines on the compound principle, and the object of the trial was to test their working, together with that of the rudder and a binnacle steering apparatus. The ship was steamed to the Maphin measured mile, and there driven at full power and turned in circles under the action of the helm to the entire satisfaction of Mr. E. J. Reed, who represented the Japanese Government on the occasion. Mr. Samuda, M.P., represented builders, and Mr. J. Penn, jun., the contracting engineers. Capt. Hallows, R.N., who is to command the *Foo-soo*, was also on board. More than the contract steam power was developed, and the performance of both boilers and engines elicited unusual commendation. The *Foo-soo* subsequently returned to Sheerness harbour, where she awaits the official trial.

The *Foxhound*, a composite gunboat, 455 tons, 860-horse power, Lieut.-Com. William G. Nowell, sitting at Devonport for the China station, has made a three-hour run under steam in the Channel, when a speed of ten knots was attained, which was deemed very satisfactory. She will proceed on a week's experimental cruise, and then leave England for her station.

INQUEST. An inquest was held to-day at the Government Civil Hospital, before the Coroner (James Russell, Esq.) on the body of Le Afat, a Chinaman, who died from suffocation caused by hanging. The following gentlemen comprised the jury: Messrs A. J. Lewis, H. M. Bevis and H. M. Blanchard.

Inspector Cradock, sworn, stated: In consequence of information received from the Registrar General yesterday, I applied for an order to exhume the body of a native, who was buried on the 10th inst. at Mount Davis. There was reason to suppose the deceased had committed suicide, and death was reported as having been caused by fever. I had the coffin opened at the station and the body sent to the Civil Hospital. There is no reason to suppose there was any foul play.

Mr. Nowell, declared, stated that he was

a coolie of the *Kong Fook Chong Hong*. He knew the deceased, he was aged 24 years, and was employed at the same place as witness. On the 9th witness was working with the deceased, and later in the day he saw the deceased hanging by the neck from a beam suspended by his girdle. His feet were about two feet from the ground; there was a ladder by which he could have climbed up to the beam. The deceased was a very good man but had been away to the theatre for three days; and his father said him he was lazy and would kill himself. Witness thought this induced him to kill himself. Witness cut the body down.

Dr. Wharry, who had examined the body, said it was that of a fairly well-nourished Chinese male, aged about 24. The body was very much decomposed, and had been dead for several days.

Lai-tick Hoo, the father of deceased, was examined: he said he reported the death to the Registrar General. I reported that he hanged himself. I am very sorry I did not lead him to the station to commit suicide but what the last Chinese witness stated. Deceased was not married. The jury returned a verdict of *felix de se*.

Police Intelligence. (Before the Hon. C. May.) Feb. 12, 1878.

DESTROYING FENCES. Chan Asan, a coolie, was sent to one month's hard labour for destroying a fence on Government property at Morrison Hill, he having been previously convicted of a similar offence.

GAMBLING. Chan Chong Chan, a coolie, was fined \$1 or 4 days' hard labour for gambling, with others not arrested; in the public streets near Gilman's Bazaar.

CUTTING BARRIERS. Tsang Akwai, a coolie, was fined 50 cents for cutting earth at the site prepared for the new Government Hospital.

LARCENY. Wong Alang, a coolie, was sent to 10 days' hard labour for stealing firewood at East Street.

MORE GAMBLING. Lo Ah-chung, a coolie, was fined \$1 for gambling at the back of the old Theatre. Some 30 cents which were found on him were confiscated to the poor's box.

DRUNKEN. John Walton, a seaman belonging to the U. S. S. *Tennessee*, was charged with being drunk and chasing people about the streets at Praya Central. He was captured by a Sikh constable and taken to the Station. The defendant said he recollected nothing about what had occurred. Fined \$1 or 2 days' imprisonment.

STRAGGLERS. Andrew J. Farrell, a native of England, John Johnson, a native of Ireland, and Henry Jones, a native of America, all belonging to the U. S. S. *Tennessee*, were charged with being stragglers; the last mentioned (Jones) was also charged with drunkenness. Mr. May ordered them to be conveyed on board their ship in charge of the police.

LARCENY. Cheng Atai, a carpenter, was sent to 6 months' hard labour for stealing three caskets of composition nails, the property of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. He had them tied in a bag and along between his legs. A previous conviction for larceny was proved against him.

A FALSE CHARGE. Low Wo-fun, a married woman, was charged with bringing a false charge against another woman. It appears she charged a woman with stealing her child, but in the course of the examination it was elicited that she had sold the child. Another woman appeared and stated that the child was also sold to her about two months ago and she had given it up, being threatened by the mother with a prosecution if she did not do so. The mother was ordered to be taken into custody for bringing a wilful false charge.

SUPREME COURT. IN BANKRUPTCY. (Before Mr. Justice Stowden.) 12th February, 1878.

In re E. M. De Silva.—Petition for adjudication in bankruptcy; the bankrupt appeared to-day.

His Lordship asked the petitioner how he came to owe people to the extent of over \$4,000, and who were the fourteen persons he had to support.

The petitioner said six were his children; there were three himself and wife, and the remaining six were servants.

His Lordship asked whether the petitioner meant that he had to support six servants.

The petitioner said that it was so; he had no less than three nurses to look after his children.

His Lordship observed that the servants could not be called persons whom the petitioner had to support; many persons could manage with less than six servants.

In reply to the Court, the petitioner said he was employed in the Oriental Bank and that he had been receiving \$120 a month for about a year, previous to that he received \$100 a month.

Mr. Sharp said he appeared for a creditor named Farquhar. He was not aware that the petitioner was going to file this petition. The bankrupt frequently put his client off, and proceedings were not taken only on the distinct undertaking on the part of the petitioner that he would pay; but here he filed the petition without giving any notice whatever to his creditor.

The Court asked the petitioner if he would be still kept on in the Oriental Bank. The bankrupt said he believed he would be discharged, but Mr. Kerr had not said anything to him yet. He had been out of employ three times, on the first occasion for nine months, and for over a year on each of the two occasions.

Mr. Sharp said that in the bankruptcy of a person in the position of the petitioner, the Court might order a certain portion of his salary to be set apart for the benefit of his creditors.

His Lordship said he could not say whether the bankrupt would be still kept in the situation; that must be ascertained from Mr. Kerr. He would adjourn the hearing of adjudication till Friday next at 10 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANOTHER REMINDER.

To the Editor of THE CHINA MAIL.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1878.

Sir,—The letter which appeared in your columns the other day, signed "Early Bird" appears to have produced no abatement of the nuisance to which it referred. Anyone having occasion to pass through some of the streets leading upwards from Queen's Road (particularly Elgin Street and its neighbourhood) between the hours of 6 and 7 a.m., runs no small risk of being suffocated by the stenches, even should he be fortunate enough to escape the appalling stench of the operations from which they proceed.

Those taught from our youth upwards that "The Early Bird catches the worm," but it strikes me that in this part of the world "The Early Bird" is much more likely to catch a fever than anything else.

Yours truly,

A. WOULD-DE WORK-CATCHER.

ARRIVAL OF THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co's steamer *Lombardy*, Captain Julius Orman, with London dates to Jan. 4th, arrive here this morning.

TELEGRAMS.

(*Strait Times*.)

London, Jan. 29.—Sir Stafford Northcote has stated that authentic information has been received regarding the conditions of peace offered to Russia by Austria, and they are the following:—

Bulgaria to be made into an autonomous tributary Principality under a Christian Ruler.

Roumania, Montenegro and Servia to be declared independent.

Bosnia and Herzegovina to receive administrative autonomy.

An indemnity which has not yet been arranged.

There is likewise an ulterior agreement protecting Russian interests in the Straits.

Sir Stafford Northcote said that these conditions of peace destroy the keystone of the South East of Europe, and affect European interests generally as well as those of Great Britain. He added that a separate treaty is inadmissible.

Sir Stafford Northcote said that a Money Vote and a vote of confidence were required to give England suitable prestige at the European Conference.

The question of the entry of the Dardanelles is reserved for the present; Russia and Turkey agreeing to refer the British matter to a European Conference.

The House of Commons approved the adjournment of the Debate to Thursday (31st January).

The Russian army is now advancing upon Constantinople.

The French Mediterranean Squadron has been ordered to proceed at once to the Levant, and an Italian Fleet has been sent to the same rendezvous.

London, Jan. 31.—A despatch has been received from the Rt. Hon. A. E. Layard, dated 29th inst., to the effect that the Governor of the Porte instructed the Turkish Commissioners, on the 23rd idem, to accept the conditions of peace offered by Russia; but no reply has been received.

London, Jan. 31.—The Rt. Hon. W. E. Forster moved the rejection of the proposed grant of six millions.

London, Feb. 2.—It is announced that Greek troops are to cross the Turkish-Grecian Frontier to-morrow morning.

In the Debate in the House of Commons, held on the 31st January, Messrs Lowe and Goschen supported the amendments, and Sir Michael Hicks-Besant warmly defended the proposed grant for military purposes.

London, Feb. 8.—A preliminary protocol and armistice have been signed. Hostilities are suspended, and Russia has agreed to Austria's proposal for a European Conference.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY. (From our Exchanges.)

London, Jan. 20.—The latest advice states that the garrison of Adrianople is in full retreat towards Constantinople.

The Sultan has called out for military service all men capable of bearing arms in Constantinople to defend the line of railway to Iohannet.

The King of Italy has taken the oath of fidelity to the Constitution, and on the occasion made a speech liberal in its tendencies.

London, Jan. 21.—The statement of hostilities had ceased in Bulgaria is premature. Ghazi Ahmed-Mukhtar has been appointed Commander of the Turkish line of defence at Constantinople. The Turks have devastated the country between Tatar-Basarid and Philip polis. An insurance company has broken out in Macedonia.

London, Jan. 21.—Suleiman Pasha, with his army, has retreated to the Rhodope mountains, south of Roumelia. The Turkish delegates deputed to arrange an armistice have arrived at the Russian headquarters.

London, Jan. 22.—A despatch from the Secretary of State for India to the Viceroy dated the 10th inst. recognises the ability and devotion of Lord Lytton and recommends that a Commission of three or five Imperial Commissioners be appointed to enquire into the best means of preventing famines in future.

In the House of Commons last night, Sir Stafford Northcote, in reply to a question, said the English Government was not ignorant of the conditions upon which Russia would conclude peace.

The Hon. R. Bouverie said that the Chief Office Convention was not yet ratified. The Government was awaiting a despatch from the Indian Government before deciding on the commercial points of the Convention.

Lord George Hamilton, Under-Secretary of State for India, said he was anxious that the Maharajah of Scindia had declined to visit the Lieutenant-Governor and other officials at Adrianople. There is a perfect panic in Roumelia among the inhabitants, and the distress prevailing is described as appalling. Reports which had gained currency respecting the Russian peace conditions are premature. Lord Derby, who has been unwell, has resumed his official duties.

Lord George Hamilton has postponed his motion for a select committee of enquiry into the expediency of constructing public works in India by loans.

Mr. Noel, in the House of Commons, gave notice of a motion respecting the occupation of Quetta by British troops.

The Under Colonial Secretary, replying to a question, said that another regiment was going to the Cape.

London, Jan. 21.—A despatch from the Marquis of Salisbury, dated the 29th

November, has been published in which he disavows with the illusion that a conflict with Russia is inevitable, and deprecates conquests on the Indian frontier. Instead of a proposal made by the Indian Government for a distinct government in the trans-Jindus district, he proposes two divisions under separate Commissioners:—the Southern being dependent on the Northern, whilst both will depend on the Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab, as regards internal affairs. And the Northern Division will correspond with the Viceroy respecting external affairs.

In the House of Commons, the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, replying to a question, said the religious vote from the Ceylon revenue could not be stopped.

London, Jan. 23.—In the House of Commons, Sir S. Northcote, replying to a question, said the Queen had personally telegraphed to the Czar, conveying the Sultan's desire for peace and hoping His Majesty would accelerate the suspension of hostilities.

The House of Commons have agreed for a select committee of enquiry into the expediency of constructing Public Works in India by means of loans.

The latest advices from the seat of war state that General Gourko had driven Suleiman Pasha into the Rhodope Mountains and that the Turkish loss was 7,000 killed and wounded and prisoners, and nine guns. Two Turkish Army Corps under the respective commands of Mohamed and Ahmed Beyouk Pashas are concentrated at Kirklesia, East of Adrianople. Preliminary negotiations for an armistice have commenced.

London, Jan. 23.—There is a panic in Gallipoli in consequence of the reported advance of the Russians on that place. Suleiman Pasha has arrived at Kavala, on the coast, (outside the Dardanelles to the West.)

A Royal warrant, dated the 31st of December, orders the retirement of general officers of the India Army at the age of 70 from the 1st of October, 1877, unless the Secretary of State for India recommends an exception.

London, Jan. 24.—The Russians have advanced to Keshan, and they are expected to reach Gallipoli on Saturday. The Grand Duke Nicholas starts from Keshan for Adrianople to-morrow. The St. Petersburg semi-official journals state that the relations between England and Russia are improved.

The Turkish Parliament has petitioned the Sultan to hasten the conclusion of peace, but if the conditions are exorbitant, has resolved to continue the war to the last extremity.

The marriage of the King of Spain to the Princess Mercedes, daughter of the Duke of Montpensier, was celebrated yesterday in the Basilla of Atocha, Madrid, with great pomp.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—The news of the Russian advance on Gallipoli is semi-officially denied here. To-day, a further semi-official statement on the same subject states that the Russians do not intend occupying or attacking Gallipoli, unless the Turkish regular army is concentrated there, and threatens the Russian flank.

London, Jan. 24.—In the House of Commons this evening the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Northcote, gave notice that on the 28th inst. he would move for a supplementary grant in the Army and Navy Estimates.

In reply to questions asked, the Earl of Beaconsfield in the House of Lords and Sir Stafford Northcote in the House of Commons said that extra supplies were required because the Russians continued their advances and were concealing the conditions of peace.

Constantinople, Jan. 24.—The Porte has received from Russia the conditions required before concluding peace. They are very harsh, and include a heavy indemnity from the Porte, and the occupation of Turkish territory by the Russians until the same is paid.

Venna, Jan. 24.—The Imperial Austrian Ministry have tendered their resignation in consequence of a dispute respecting the customs revenue.

London, Jan. 25.—Lord Carnarvon has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted. Lord Derby has also tendered his resignation. It is reported that the Commander of the Mediterranean squadron has been ordered to land a force to defend Gallipoli and to send for the garrison of Malta if the Russians continued to advance.

Constantinople, Jan. 25.—Reuter's Special Correspondent here states that the Porte has accepted the peace conditions proposed by Russia, and that peace is virtually concluded. It is believed that the conditions are greatly exceeded the Conference programme, and include cessions of territory, besides payment of an indemnity.

Constantinople, Jan. 26.—The Porte has pledged its word to Russia that the conditions of peace shall be concluded until the treaty of peace between Turkey and Russia has actually been concluded.

London, Jan. 26.—In the House of Commons, Sir Stafford Northcote, in reply to a question respecting the rumoured movement of the British Fleet to Gallipoli, said that, on Wednesday, the Mediterranean squadron was ordered to enter the Dardanelles solely for the purpose of keeping open the waterway and protecting British interests, but that, last night, when it was known that Russia had communicated her conditions of peace to the Porte, the Commander of the squadron was ordered to stop at the entry of the Dardanelles.

Sir Stafford Northcote, in reply to further questions, said that the extra grant for the Army and Navy Estimates which Parliament will be asked to vote, will amount to six millions of pounds sterling.

Lord Beaconsfield, in reply to a question, said that the British Government, before ordering the squadron to enter the Dardanelles, had informed the Powers that it had no intention of breaking neutrality.

The Earl Carnarvon, in the House of Lords, announced that he had twice tendered his resignation, first on the occasion of Lord Beaconsfield censuring his speech of the 2nd January, again in consequence of his dissenting from the views of other members of the Cabinet in the matter of a special vote for naval and military preparations, and finally as to the expediency of ordering the fleet to the Dardanelles.

China. HONGKONG: (Herald, Jan. 31st.)

H. H. M. gunboat *Moorehead* arrived in port from a cruise, on the 26th inst.

The staff of Foreign Instructors at the Mandarin Arsenal has been lately increased by the arrival of Mr. Moreton, Engineer R.N., who taken charge of the School of Practical Marine Engineering.

Quotations. HONGKONG, February 12, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, 552 1/2 a 555 credit.

Old Patna, cash, none credit.

New Benares, cash, 552 1/2 a 555 credit.

Old Benares, cash, none credit.

New Malwa, cash, 695 credit.

Allowance Teals, 4 1/2 credit.

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QUICKSILVER, ... 84.50 credit.

SALT PETRE, ... 30.00 credit.

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 8/10 1/2

30 days' sight, ... 8/10 1/2

6 m. 3/4 sight, ... 8/11 1/2

Credit, ... 8/12 1/2

Documentary, 6 months' sight, ... 8/12 1/2

Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 22 1/2

Calcutta, ... 22 1/2

Shanghai, demand, ... 7 1/2

30 days, ... 7 1/2

Bar Silver, 17, dwt. 2, ... 10 1/2

Sycee, ... 9 1/2

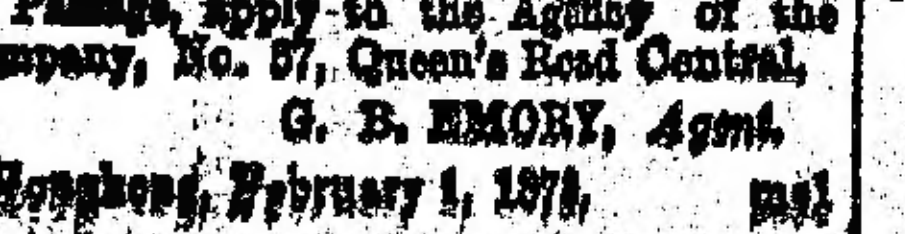
Mexican, ... 1 1/2 p. m.

Gold Leaf, ... 88.10

English Sovereigns, ... 5.05

Australian Sovereigns

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.



Hongkong, January 1, 1974.

Hongkong, October 14, 1950.

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.								
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Albatross	6 h	British	gun vessel	774	8	180	Dec. 11	E. J. Church
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Albatross	7 c	British	gun vessel	774	8	180	Dec. 9	W. G. Scott
Albatross	6 h	British	military hospital	2591
Albatross	6 h	British	gun vessel	408	2	60	Feb. 11	O. P. Tisdor
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